

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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By:

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE OF E. VON GIERKE REFERENCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In the Information Disclosure Statement received by the Office on February 14, 2002, the following reference was listed:

"E. von Gierke, "Hepato-Nephromegalia Glykogenica

(Glykogenspeicherkrankheit der Leber und Nieren)," Beiträge z. Path. Anat. u. s. Allgem. Pathol. 82: 497-513 (1929) discloses the diagnosis of a type of glycogen storage disease with hepatic and kidney involvement, now known as von Gierke's Disease."

The Office Action dated January 2, 2003, requested a more complete statement of the relevance of the reference before the reference would be considered. The relevance of this reference is that it is believed to be the first publication that described a patient with glycogen storage disease due to a deficiency of glucose-6-phosphatase.

Applicant respectfully submits that a concise statement of the relevance of the reference as requested in the Office Action of has now been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 30, 2003

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

We enclose the following:

- Amendment and Response to Office Action X
- Petition for Extension of Time (2 month), including authorization to charge 冈 deposit account (in duplicate)
- Concise Statement of the Relevance of E. von Gierke Reference M
- X Submission of Priority Document, including certified copy of United Kingdom Application No. 9704876.3
- X Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including authorization to charge deposit account (in duplicate) and PTO-1449
- M Change of Correspondence Address
- 冈 Return Postcard

The Commissioner's acknowledgement of receipt of the above items by stamping and returning the Return Postcard is respectfully requested.

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